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SUBJECT: LIST OF SOVIET JEWS REFUSED EXIT FOR ISRAEL

REF: LEVITSKY-GARRISON TELECON APRIL 18

1. YOU MAY RECALL THAT JERRY GOODMAN OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY (NCSJ) MENTIONED TO DR. SHULMAN THAT ISRAELIS PLANNED TO GIVE US A LIST OF SOVIET JEWISH "REFUSENIKS" ASKING THAT WE TAKE UP THEIR CASES IN MOSCOW. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR DINITZ HAS SENT THIS LIST TO DAS VELIOTES COVERED BY FOLLOWING LETTER:

2. " SUBSEQUENT TO MY CONVERSATION WITH MR. HAROLD SAUNDERS, I ENCLOSE HEREWITH A LIST OF 49 NAMES OF JEWISH
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FAMILIES IN THE SOVIET UNION WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL AND WHO WERE TURNED DOWN BY THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES. ALL THE NAMES ON THE LIST ARE SPECIAL HARDSHIP CASES INSOFAR AS THEY HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR EXIT PERMITS FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS AND IN MANY INSTANCES MUCH LONGER THAN THAT.

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3. "AT THE REQUEST OF MY GOVERNMENT, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE LIST COULD BE TRANSMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND IF, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW, THE

SECRETARY WOULD RAISE THE MATTER WITH THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES.

4 "MY REFERENCE TO THESE SPECIAL CASES DOES NOT, OF COURSE, IN ANY WAY DIMINISH THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MANY HUNDREDS OF APPLICANTS FOR EXIT PERMITS TO ISRAEL WHOSE REQUESTS HAVE BEEN REFUSED AND WHO MAY HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR LESS THAN FIVE YEARS.

5. "MAY I ALSO ASK AT THIS TIME THAT THE CASE OF ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY BE TAKEN UP BY THE SECRETARY WITH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IN MOSCOW."

6. WE HAVE CHECKED THE ISRAELI LIST AGAINST THE LIST PROVIDED TO US (WHICH GARRISON HAS) BY NCSJ FOR PRESENTATION IN MOSCOW. ALL NAMES ON ISRAELI LIST APPEAR ON NCSJ LIST WITH EXCEPTION OF FOLLOWING THREE CASES:

IOSIF BEGUN - MOSCOW
MIKHAIL CHLENOV - MOSCOW
GRIGORIY GOLDSHTEIN - TBILISI

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BEGUN, WHO IS IN LABOR CAMP ON CHARGES OF "PARASITISM" AND GOLDSHTEIN, WHO WAS RECENTLY CONVICTED ON SAME CHARGE, ARE NOT ON NCSJ LIST BECAUSE NCSJ AVOIDED INCLUDING PRISONERS CASES WITH "REFUSENIKS" CASES. GOLDSHTEIN'S BROTHER DOES, HOWEVER, APPEAR ON NCSJ LIST. WE, THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THAT CHLENOV ONLY BE ADDED TO NCSJ LIST BEFORE PRESENTATION TO SOVIETS. CASE COULD BE ADDED UNDER "MOSCOW" ON LAST PAGE OF LIST ENTITLED "NEW ADDITIONS."
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